

Connecticut General Assembly
HB-6501

An act concerning the streamlining of certain programs of the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection Chapter 449 section 6 & Chapter 450 Section 7.

Good morning / afternoon ladies & gentleman of the Environment Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed technical revision of HB-6501.

My name is Alan Olenick and I reside in the town of Lebanon Connecticut. I am a member of the Lebanon Volunteer Fire Department and currently hold the position of Assistant Fire Chief. I am also a 20 year member of the Connecticut Interstate Fire Crew supervised by the Forestry Division of The Department of Energy & Environmental Protection.

With regard to HB-6501 I support the technical language revision of Chapter 449 Section 6 that would include temporarily hiring of Connecticut Interstate Fire Crew Members to work in state and be permitted to work in other states when called upon.

I also support the technical language revision of Chapter 450 Section 7 to include all National Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compacts that includes members in the United States and Canada.

I respectfully urge members of the Environment Committee to favorably pass the technical language revisions that will allow the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection management the means to legally acquire local and out of state fire fighters should the need arise.

Thank You for your consideration on this important matter.